



Education/Workforce Bills
Resolution of the Board of Directors
May 1, 2009

WHEREAS, Louisiana is experiencing the effects of a global economic downturn resulting in a reality that will require tough decisions from our legislators during the current legislative session, and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the state of Louisiana invest in the solutions that will drive recovery and prosperity for the state as well as for individuals, and

WHEREAS, policy makers are confronted with the challenge of allocating limited resources to solutions that ensure economic growth and recovery, and

WHEREAS, now more than ever Louisiana needs an educated and well trained workforce yet we are faced with what seems to be almost insurmountable challenges. One in five adults do not complete high school, companies relocate to states other than Louisiana because we lack a skilled workforce, at least 55% of new jobs will require 1-2 years of specialized education and training, and

WHEREAS, Community and Technical Colleges are the key to workforce and economic development in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, we recognize the fact that Community and Technical College enrollment grew by 13.6% in 2008 and 17 of the 50 campuses were ranked among the top 50 fastest growing in the nation, and

WHEREAS, LCTCS is educating and training record numbers of students and producing the skilled workforce that is essential to Louisiana's growth and recovery, and therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with other chambers of commerce across the state as well as other economic development agencies and similar minded organizations supports this prioritized workforce legislation, HB 568 and 771 and SB 19, 285 and 316 to address the solutions for the LCTCS to drive economic prosperity with the knowledge that this will give Louisiana the competitive edge it needs to position itself for the future.

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Lacey Toledano
President & CEO

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Jean Champagne
2009 Chairman of the Board

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